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Director Technical Services Division  
Mitigation Directorate  
FEMA  
500 C. Street SW  
Washington, DC 20472

Re: Appeal Resolution For Congaree River  
In Richland County South Carolina

Dear Sirs:

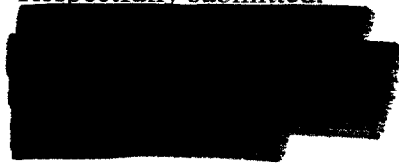
On behalf of Heathwood Hall Episcopal School (HHES) I wish to register our objection to the revised preliminary Flood Insurance Studies (FISs) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) released on September 26, 2000 as part of FEMA's resolution of certain appeals from preliminary FISs and FIRMs released on August 12, 1999. We object on the following grounds

- HHES was not prejudiced by the August 12, 1999 maps and therefore had no basis for submitting information for consideration during the 90 day appeal period following the release of those maps. HHES is extremely prejudiced by the new map as its property is now in the floodway, yet it does not have enough time to develop information to contest the new maps.
- It appears that FEMA considered information submitted after the 90 day appeal period following August 12, 1999. We believe this information should not have been considered.
- The new maps are influenced by a large road embankment for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Extension which was built following a map revision process which did not include notice being given to all impacted entities and communities. We believe this recent regulatory oversight should be considered by FEMA in finding a way to mitigate the impacts of the new floodway on HHES and others.

For the foregoing reasons, HHES asks for the following relief:

- (1) FEMA should reject the September 26, 2000 maps in favor of the August 12, 1999 maps, or
- (2) FEMA should consider technical information submitted following the September 26, release and then release preliminary maps followed by a 90 day appeal period so that parties negatively impacted by these new maps can be afforded an opportunity to develop and submit information in opposition to them

Respectfully submitted,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the Chairman of the Board.

Chairman of the Board,  
Heathwood Hall Episcopal School

c. Cary McSwain, Richland County  
Stephen Hickman